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Transformation Montgomery Receives Eighth ‘Surprise Grant’ from the Central Alabama Community Foundation

MONTGOMERY – This year the Central Alabama Community Foundation (CACF) is celebrating 30 years since its founding in 1987, by a group of civic leaders who had a vision to provide long-term financial support for nonprofit agencies in our community. To commemorate this milestone anniversary, CACF will award 30 surprise grants to local nonprofits. These grants will be awarded over the course of 2017.

The eighth surprise grant was awarded Tuesday, May 16 to Transformation Montgomery, Inc. (TM). CACF staff surprised Debbie Peavy, Coordinator of Youth and Children’s Activities, and TM staff with balloons and a \$3,000 check.

Transformation Montgomery, Inc. is a faith-based, nonprofit community-development organization that seeks to transform people in the Garden Square neighborhood (in the Chisholm area of north Montgomery) out of poverty through affordable home ownership, community renewal, and life-skills mentoring and training.

Vacant houses are purchased in the neighborhood, rehabilitated, and then made available to those who have demonstrated the responsibility required to own their own homes using a rent-to-own and zero-percent interest mortgage process. The organization’s holistic approach also offers life-skills mentoring, training, and resources to educate and equip the community to rise out of poverty, live productively, and independently. The Transformation Center, a 7,500 square foot multi-function facility in the neighborhood, serves as a center for classes, recreation, and meeting space needed to support TM’s mission and successfully transform lives.

“We appreciate Transformation Montgomery staff and volunteers that embrace the whole Garden Square community through their financial, educational, and family support services. This grant will allow TM to provide weekly field trips for all students enrolled in their 8-week summer camp,” said CACF President Burton Ward.

If you, your family or business would like to match one of our surprise grants and help CACF celebrate our 30th anniversary, consider making a donation at www.cacfinfo.org or by check to CACF, 35 S. Court Street, Montgomery, AL 36104. For more information, contact CACF Development Officer Whitney Griswold Califf at (334) 264-6223 or Whitney.Griswold@cacfinfo.org.

CACF was founded in 1987 and has grown to hold over \$59 million in charitable assets while distributing over \$50 million to organizations that serve the community. CACF serves several counties including Autauga, Coffee, Dale, Elmore, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lowndes, Macon, and Montgomery.

Through its 200+ funds, CACF addresses a wide variety of concerns, supporting projects and programs in education, health, human services, cultural arts, recreation, historic preservation and other civic concerns. Each year, the Foundation distributes over \$3 million through hundreds of grants and scholarships.

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